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Docket No. 1053.18

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In re Application of:

David W. Pratt

Serial No.: 09/681,814

Filed: 06/11/2001

For: Dual Function Bailer

Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: Johnny Dan Cherry

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response To Election/Restriction Requirement for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the nonfinal Examiner's action mailed October 21, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 21, 2002 as follows:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant elects the species of Figure 2. The claims readable thereon are 1-6, 9 and 12. This election is made without traverse.

REMARKS

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

Very respectfully,

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